

## REMARKS

Claims 1-24 and 26-31 are pending in the application and have been allowed.

Claim 8 has been amended to correct typographical errors.

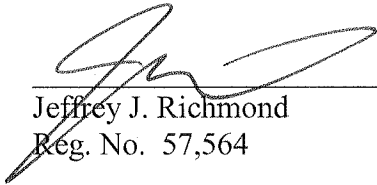
## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 224-2170 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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